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CLAIMS TAX ON STOLEN SPIRITS

Revenues of United States May Be Decreased If Distiller Wins Case.

Arising from a suit upon a distiller's bond for the recovery of \$161.80 in internal revenue taxes, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, at its present term, will be asked to decide whether or not Kelly W. Sisk, owner of a distillery in North Carolina, is responsible for the amount acknowledged to be due, but the payment of which is refused, as it is alleged J. A. Peirce, a deputy revenue collector, confiscated the whiskey, which he afterwards allowed to be stolen. The question is one of unusual interest to manufacturers of distilled spirits, as it is explained that frequently liquor, after it is seized, is either stolen or else allowed to waste or spoil in possession of the government.

In the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of North Carolina, at Greensboro, the verdict was against the United States, and was based on the following instruction by the court: "That the assessment list made a prima facie case and entitled the plaintiff to recover, nothing else appearing."

May Decrease Revenues. "The court further charges the jury that if the deputy collector seized the spirits upon which the taxes were assessed under a warrant for taxes due, and removed them from the distillery premises, and afterwards allowed them to waste without fraud or collusion on the part of the defendant, then the government would not be entitled to recover."

It is to the latter ruling that the United States, plaintiff in error in the case on appeal, excepted. A. E. Holton, United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, has charge of the government's case.

The contention arises over 128 gallons of spirits, manufactured during the months of June and July, 1901, but the case did not come into the courts until 1906, when the government secured judgment against Sisk. The case has been vigorously fought by William P. Bynum, Jr., attorney for the defendant, and the government has left nothing undone, it is said, to avoid establishing a precedent which may result in decreasing its revenues. The argument of the United States attorney is that the loss of the spirits does not relieve the liability of the distiller under his bond, as the amount becomes due at the time of production.

SERVICES IN FULTON

Revival at Baptist Church Closes With Sermon by Mr. Blackwell To-Night. Revival services which have been held for the past three weeks, in Fulton Baptist Church, by the Rev. C. S. Blackwell, of Norfolk, will close with the meeting to-night. Rev. H. F. Jones, pastor of the church, has assisted the evangelist in his work, which has resulted in seventy-seven conversions, while many others have applied for membership in churches of other denominations. The services have been largely attended, and there has hardly been a night, since the first week, when all those seeking admission could be accommodated. The service to-night will begin at 8 o'clock.

USES BROOMSTICK ON HIS DAUGHTER

Maggie Holmes, Colored, Pleads With Police Not to Let Father Out of Prison.

With tears streaming down her face and her body shaking with sobs, little Maggie Holmes, a colored girl about nine years old, walked into the Second Police Station yesterday afternoon and asked Sergeant Tyler please not to let her father out of the station, where he had just been locked up on a charge of cruelly assaulting his daughter. The girl exhibited a tremendous bruise on her right cheek and several scars on her arm. According to her testimony and that of two colored women who were witnesses to the assault, Andrew Holmes, who lives at 612 Brook Avenue, knocked the child down with a broomstick because she had let the fire go out, and then kicked her while she was struggling to rise.

Officers Palmer and Clarke went to the house and arrested Holmes, sitting down to dinner with his wife. While they were indulging in a sumptuous repast the child was feeding on scraps.

The girl was so frightened that she refused at first to tell the officers how she had been hurt, and getting down on her knees, prayed that she might die and go to her mother. The officers asked that she be brought to the station, so that she might show her bruises and be treated by Dr. Womack, of the Ambulance Corps. Even in the station the child was so badly frightened that her father would again beat her that she asked Sergeant Tyler not to let him be bailed. She was reassured and told that she would not be beaten any more if the police could prevent it.

It is said that the girl is often cruelly beaten and that she is not given proper food.

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DEAL CLOSED FOR SKELETON'S GUN

Raymond Brown, Who Had 25-Day Option, Bought Property for 25 Cents as Investment.

Without taking advantage of his twenty-five-day option, secured on Saturday, Raymond Brown, a telegraph messenger boy, closed a deal yesterday with Philip Bannister by which he got possession of an old revolver found by workmen who are excavating for a building on Governor Street. The consideration was 25 cents. Young Bannister had agreed to give Brown until December 20 to pay for the property, but there were other prospective purchasers, so the trade was closed earlier than expected, the deal being delivered yesterday morning.

While the revolver has no great value, intrinsically speaking, as they say in Norfolk, it was regarded as a fine relic, inasmuch as it was found by the skeleton deep under the earth. Every now and then a skeleton is dug up, and when a couple were located the other day it created a sensation in some circles. Old police officers say that if anybody is willing to dig regularly any number of bones can be brought to the surface here or anywhere else.

Young Mr. Brown said last night that the revolver's cylinder has been cut to pieces by rust, but that it is of the type which your great-grandfather used many, many years ago. Bannister and a workman found it. Bannister didn't want it, but Brown bought for an investment. He had a chance to double his money, but he is holding, hoping that its picture may be printed. He is keeping the hiding place secret, for fear that burglars may break in and steal, and to prevent the thousands of purchasers from calling at the same time. The police will be asked to find the original owner.

OPERATION PERFORMED

Judge Buchanan, of Supreme Court, in Baltimore Hospital. Judge John A. Buchanan, of the Supreme Court of Appeals, is still seriously ill in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Judge Buchanan has been operated upon for strangulated hernia, the result being a success. While he is not yet an old man, he has no longer the recuperative power of youth, and his recovery is unusually slow and doubtful. The distinguished patient has been ill since the middle of the summer, when judicial papers in his hands were returned to the other members of the court with the information that the jurist and former Congressman was not in condition to attend to legal matters. Later he was brought to Richmond from his home at Emory, in Washington county, and treated at the Johnston-Willis Hospital, being taken from there to Baltimore for care by a specialist. Judge Buchanan's many friends and admirers throughout the State hope that he may be enabled to resume his seat upon the supreme bench when the January term begins at the New Year.

Broke Up Crap Game. Nine negroes were arrested late Saturday night at 132 Pulliam Street, where they were playing a game of crap. The police broke in and spoiled the game and copped the players.

WANTED TWENTY, BUT GOT ONLY FIVE

Contractor Makes Diligent Search Without Finding Number of Workmen Needed.

Until late Saturday night a representative of a local contracting firm endeavored fruitlessly to secure twenty laborers, either white men or colored. After visiting the Associated Charities and the Methodist Institute, where the idle generally congregate, he gave up the search. He failed to secure more than five. These went to work at 12 o'clock last night.

"This experience is one I have not had in many months," said the contractor, after abandoning his effort. "We have had great difficulty here in finding unskilled laborers, although we have much work to do and can give permanent work to steady men. This is a good sign of prosperity in Richmond, but is pretty hard on the fellow that is doing a job under contract."

SPECULATING ON PROBABLE EFFECT

Not Certain Whether Resignation of Mr. Page Will Help or Hurt Annexation Plans.

There was a wide difference of opinion yesterday as to the probable effect of the resignation of City Attorney Page, of Manchester, would have on the pending negotiation for the consolidation of Richmond and the Southside city. It was admitted in Manchester, however, that Mr. Page's successor would be elected within the next week or ten days, and that a man's qualifications for the job would depend upon his knowledge of law and his willingness to take the gift as the anchor. The women of the Confederate Memorial Society have taken no definite action, but the matter will probably be brought up at the next meeting, when a committee will more than likely be named to lead the government's attitude with regard to the gift. The Cumberland was sunk by the Merrimac in an engagement during the Civil War. The shaft of the latter ship is now in possession of the society, and is one of the most valuable relics in the collection at the Museum. It is kept in the rear yard, where the shaft was brought to this city the event was the signal for a big celebration.

There is no doubt, it is said, that the woman will make a great effort to secure the anchor, and as it has rested in Virginia waters since the day of the memorable engagement in which it was sunk, it is thought that the Old Dominion has a better claim to permanent possession than any other state. There were several chains attached to the anchor, and one of those, interfering with the running of a railroad barge, led to the discovery.

His Condition Improved. James L. Shelton, who has been critically ill at the Retreat for the Sick for some days past, is very much improved, and will probably be removed to his home, 1118 West Avenue, before the end of this week.

MISS BELLE BURCH WINS GOLD MEDAL

Takes First Prize at Sunday School Institute for Best Summary of Lectures.

MANY RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Two Hundred and Fifty-two Awarded at Close of Successful Session.

Two hundred and forty-two diplomas for attendance at the twenty lectures of the Sunday School Institute held last week were awarded yesterday afternoon at the Second Baptist Church at the final session. That so large a number took so great an interest in Sunday school work is indicative of the success of the institute, which enrolled approximately 900 students during the week.

Miss Belle G. Burch, of the Leigh Street Baptist Sunday School, was presented by Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellison in behalf of the institute with the gold medal offered for the best summary of the lectures. Her paper was a comprehensive and well written digest of the various lessons pointed out by the speakers during the session. This is the first time in the South that a medal has been offered for such a production.

The services yesterday took place at the Second Baptist Church at 3 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. W. McDaniel, D. D. A symposium was conducted at 3:30 o'clock by Dr. J. H. Post, Dr. B. H. DeMont, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, and Rev. T. J. Watts. These speakers presented their views on the work of the institute and spoke of ways and means by which Sunday schools everywhere may be helped and made more useful adjuncts to the church.

The institute was composed of the churches of Richmond and Manchester, chiefly of the Baptist denomination. It was attended by many Sunday school teachers, ministers and other persons interested in the work. The object of the sessions was to train Sunday school workers to become more efficient and to acquaint them with the latest modes in teaching the Scriptures to the young. The increased demand for scientifically trained teachers in the public schools has created a desire in religious circles that Sunday school teachers should also be trained in methods and progressive ideas.

TRAMP STEAMER HERE

The Quierda Arrives for Cargo of Lumber for Nova Scotia.

The Quierda, a coast-running tramp steamer, with her home port in Nova Scotia, anchored yesterday afternoon at the Southern Railway wharves. She will this morning begin to take on a cargo of 400,000 feet of Virginia lumber to be carried to Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and there converted into railroad cars. The last voyage of the Quierda was to Cuba. From there she came to Norfolk and up the river to this city. It is expected that the lumber will be loaded and the up coast voyage begun within the next few days. She should reach Annapolis by the end of the week if all goes well. This is the second vessel of the kind that has arrived in the city in the last two weeks for lumber to be transported to the same country.

"THE TWO PUDDIFOOTS"

English Comedy to Be Feature of Benefit Entertainment To-Night. "The Two Puddifoots," a one-act English comedy, will be rendered by amateur talent at the auditorium of the Central Young Men's Christian Association to-night, as the most elaborate and artistically presented entertainment of the benefit of the Sheltering Arms Hospital. Another unusual number will be "The Old Sweethair," in which Professor Frank Cosby will take the part of the bachelor. W. Douglas Gordon will sing, and a Japanese song and dance will be given by Miss Helen Enright and Clifford Walker. Those taking part in the program will be Misses Helen Enright, and Cyrus Baché, Clifford Walker, Theron Brown and Professor Cosby.

Recovers From Illness. Gambo M. Bowers, of 112 East Franklin Street, who has been ill at the Virginia Hospital, has recovered. He returned home yesterday.

MAY MAKE CLAIM TO SUNKEN ANCHOR

Relic of Cumberland May Be Placed With Shaft of Merrimac.

It is understood that an effort will be made on behalf of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society to secure possession of the anchor of the battleship Cumberland, which was recently found in Newport News harbor. The relic is owned by the government, and was located by W. A. Cooksey, superintendent of the fishing power for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. Mr. Cooksey, when he notified the authorities of his find, included a request that the anchor be presented to the society, and asked that he be mentioned in the gift as the finder. The women of the Confederate Memorial Society have taken no definite action, but the matter will probably be brought up at the next meeting, when a committee will more than likely be named to lead the government's attitude with regard to the gift. The Cumberland was sunk by the Merrimac in an engagement during the Civil War. The shaft of the latter ship is now in possession of the society, and is one of the most valuable relics in the collection at the Museum. It is kept in the rear yard, where the shaft was brought to this city the event was the signal for a big celebration.

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IS GRANDMOTHER OF SUFFRAGETTES

Richmond Woman, Claiming Title, Tells Why Present Movement Should Succeed.

BRIDGE WHIST DANGEROUS

Declares That It May Cause More Home Trouble Than Dabbling in Politics.

"Bridge whist is much more apt to destroy the happiness of a home than any evil that can possibly result from the suffragette movement," said a prominent woman of Richmond last night, who declares herself to be the "grandmother of the suffragettes."

"What husband would not rather his wife should stay at home and talk suffrage than to go to some other woman's house and spend an afternoon in counting the spots on cards. I am regarded as an anti-suffragette, and the reason is I have not attended any of the recent meetings. Nobody knows how I stand, but as soon as the proper time comes and I see we have a chance I'll put in my word in favor of ballots for women."

"Although I am a suffragette I believe if the right to vote is ever given us we should be careful of those to whom we allow the privilege. I would not open the polls to any man or woman who does not either own property or earn his or her living. If women abuse the right as men do, we'll have even worse conditions under the new order of things than exist now."

Joined First Movement.

"Twenty years or more ago I was interested in a campaign similar to the one in progress now, but it was such a hopeless failure that I determined never to enter the fight again unless I could see some signs of success. If I enter into the movement I'll have much to say in the way of advice to those of my sex who care to listen to my views. The present campaign has gone on much more bravely than I expected, and I see no reason why something should not be accomplished."

"I understand there is, or has been, a law excluding women, negroes, Indians and idiots from the list of those entitled to have a say in public affairs, and there ought not to be a woman in the world who would not be glad to get out of such a class. The average suffragette, however, as I understand her views on the principle of the things, and desires to go to the polls solely for the good that she may do in assisting herself in a way that may subserve the best interests of a community."

"Men are opposed to ballots for women solely because they cannot conceive the motive to be the very highest, and because to grant them the privilege changes an order of things that has existed since the foundation of the Commonwealth. It should also be considered when the great question is discussed that present day women, at least in Virginia, did not agitate the problem until the wave of temperance spread over the country and the rowdism caused by the dispensing of whiskey was practically abolished."

Looks After Money Affairs.

"Men do not consider that the woman who looks after her own affairs, as many are forced to do, in daily contact with the office-holder. She has her taxes to pay, her gas and water bills to look after; she is often brought into the courts, and there are hundreds of other ways in which she is forced to ask courtesies which are not always extended with the cheerfulness accorded the voter, who will have a chance, if he suffers an indignity, to have a voice in saying whether or not the official will remain in his position."

"I speak with the experience of a woman who has looked after her own business affairs for a number of years, and I have not always received the best treatment. I have often seen where I could have placed a vote to where I wished to live to see the day when a woman, in this respect, will be on an equality with the man."

LOOKING AROUND FOR GOOD SPEAKER

Equal Suffrage League to Bring National Orator to Richmond After Christmas.

The headquarters of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia, 307 East Franklin Street, has been the centre of busy as well as pleasant gatherings during the past week.

From 4 to 8 o'clock each afternoon league hostesses have been present to welcome callers, enter new members, answer inquiries and furnish information. The interest shown and the willing co-operation of all connected with the organization have been most gratifying. It now looks as if the league, which has been formed in Richmond, will speedily join hands in effort with suffragists in Radford, Roanoke, Petersburg and Lynchburg. The Radford movement, indeed, resulted from the visit of a Radford woman to Richmond last spring, her interest in the suffrage question discussed here and the work she has accomplished in her community since her return. The chairman of the league committee, determined to employ only a lecturer of the highest ability, has been temporarily delayed in her announcement of a name and date by the crowded engagement lists of those whose reputation recommended them and the near approach of the Christmas season. She feels, however, that a little time and patience will all she needs to insure final success.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Richard Keen, colored, alias "Nuts," was arrested and placed in the county jail yesterday, charged with being disorderly and running a crap game on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The game was commenced Saturday, but Keen was arrested yesterday morning. Detective Angelo, yesterday morning, told his men that he had the fact that one of his arms is cut off.

DRUNKARD IS NOT AFRAID OF PRISON

Likes Idle Life Afforded by Present Laws Governing Jails.

PEST IN THE COMMUNITY

Estimates Show "Drunkards' Labor Act" Will Lessen Demands for Charity.

Estimates based on years of experience that charity work in Richmond indicate that should some law be passed in Virginia whereby there shall be no drunkard can be made to work instead of loafing around in a jail cell during the term of his imprisonment the demands on the public for the care of the wives and families of such men will be lessened by about one-half, and the community relieved in large measure from the embarrassment of frequent demands.

Rev. James Buchanan, secretary of the Association of Charities, and Rev. J. W. Dixon, of the Methodist Institute, both of whom have every opportunity to see conditions at the worst, are of the opinion that the establishment of the workhouse is the best plan for the relief of the situation, and to the end of securing a law at the next session of the Legislature, they will seek the advice of Secretary Martin, of the State Board of Charities and Correction.

Make Drunkards Work.

The plan is to establish a workhouse where the drunkard after he is sentenced to jail, may be sent, and there be made to work. He will earn wages, according to the amount of energy expended, and the money will be turned over to his wife and children. "A great majority of the worst cases existing to-day in Richmond are traceable directly to drunkenness on the part of the husband and father," says an authority.

"And we believe that if we could force the men to do honest labor at some place where there will be no chance of their securing whiskey, the problem will be, to a large extent, solved. It is no punishment to the average drunkard to be sent to jail, except that there he can't get any whiskey. He is perfectly willing to loaf, and the jail cell affords him an excellent opportunity. It is seldom that this class of men is sent to the roads, and often he requests the trial judge to give him a term behind the bars."

"If the idle drunkard is permitted to continue in his present course, the day will come, we think, when charity work here will be such an enormous problem that it will be impossible to meet it, and then the suffering among the poor will be even more appalling than at present. There is plenty of work to be done in Richmond now, and almost any active man can find employment if he looks for it; but the drunkard will not work of his own volition, and the only thing to be done is to force it on him."

Believe Act Will Pass.

There is no doubt, either in the mind of Dr. Buchanan or Mr. Dixon, but that the General Assembly, after reviewing the success of the law forcing regular jail term on prisoners against the roads, will embody the "drunkards' labor act." In the code, and with this much accomplished, an effort will be made to secure from the City Council some site where the workhouse may be established. It is set forth that under no management, the workhouse will be an asset to the city, and in time will defray any expense incurred in its establishment.

Already the Seabrook Warehouse site, which has been vacant for several years, is being considered. It is within a short distance of the jail, it would not require many minutes to take the laborers to and from work each day. Those seeking the incorporation of the new law have the support of many business men. It will go before the Legislature, prepared to make a good fight for its passage. The workhouse plan has never been attempted in Richmond, but in other cities has proved a great success, and without exception has served the community in which it is operated.

UNLABELED DRUGS

Court of Appeals Will Interpret the Pure Food and Drugs Act.

Reese Blizard, United States attorney at Richmond, has advised that the Virginia, at Philadelphia, is in Richmond, and will to-day appear for the government in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The case involves the knowledge of the Dandridge Company, claimant, of sixty-five cases of liquid, extracted from the pure food and drugs act. The question at issue is whether or not the defendant, in sending the extract, unlabeled, to the West Virginia firm.

Under the act of June 30, 1906, label proceedings are authorized only with respect to foods and drugs intended for sale in the States, and they are not to be applied to the defendant, who is a foreign firm, and the "Dandridge" was to have been finished, that is bottled and labeled, and the drug is not mislabeled, and does not bear a label. The decision in the lower court was in favor of the claimants, who are represented by Henry M. Russell, of Wheeling, and Henry M. Campbell and Charles M. Woodruff, of Detroit.

PREPARES TO MOVE

Federal Courts Will Be in New Quarters Before January 1.

As soon as the present term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals adjourns, Deputy Clerk Claude M. Dean will be ready to undertake the task of moving the records and library to the temporary quarters in the new building at Seventh and Franklin Streets. Mr. Dean stated yesterday that he expects to be comfortably located in the new building before January 1, as the court will probably adjourn about December 23. The work of moving the post-office, which will probably consume several days, will begin as early in January as possible, and it is expected that work of tearing down the present structure will begin by January 10. The post-office will not be moved until the courts are located.

Charged With Gambling.

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